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Ronald Dean Cramer et al. : Confirmation No. 7032
Serial No. 10/060,694 ✓ : Group Art Unit
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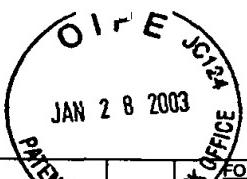
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